


21st CENTURY SCHOLAR PLEDGE REQUIREMENTS

Students who enroll in the 21st Century Scholars program must take the Scholar Pledge to meet the following requirements:

- Complete the Scholar Success Program, which includes activities at each grade level in high school (see chart below) to help students plan, prepare and pay for college. (Applies to Scholars in the class of 2017 and younger.)
- Graduate from a state-accredited high school with a minimum of a Core 40 diploma and a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 10 as a high school senior and each year thereafter until college graduation.
- Apply to an eligible Indiana college as a high school senior, and enroll in college as a full-time student within one year of high school graduation.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards established by each college.
- Complete 30 credit hours each year in college to stay on track toward earning a degree on time.
- Do not use illegal drugs, commit a crime or delinquent act, or consume alcohol before reaching the legal drinking age.

	 PLAN	 PREPARE	 PAY
09	Create a Graduation Plan ¹	Participate in an Extracurricular or Service Activity	Watch "Paying for College 101"
10	Take a Career Interests Assessment	Get Workplace Experience ²	Watch "Estimating Your College Costs"
11	Visit a College Campus	Take a College Entrance Exam (ACT/SAT)	Search for Scholarships ³
12	Submit a College Application	Watch "College Success 101"	File a FAFSA

1. Plan should be updated annually to keep students on track for high school graduation and college admission.
2. Includes job-shadowing, internship, part-time employment or related experience linked to a student's career aspirations.
3. Includes any additional scholarship opportunity beyond the 21st Century Scholarship.

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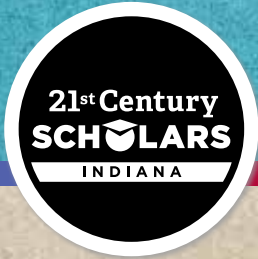
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HELP YOUR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ENROLL AND SUCCEED IN INDIANA'S 21ST CENTURY SCHOLARS.

HOW CAN I HELP MY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS SUCCEED?



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YOUR STUDENTS MAY BE ELIGIBLE
TO ENROLL IN 21st CENTURY SCHOLARS.
*The scholarship program will help them plan,
prepare and pay for college.*

More than 100,000 Hoosier students are already part of Indiana's 21st Century Scholars, a program that provides income-eligible students the opportunity to earn up to a four-year scholarship at an Indiana college.

Hoosier students in 7th and 8th grades who meet income criteria may enroll in the program through June 30 immediately following their 8th-grade year. Students who enroll take the Scholar Pledge to achieve academic success and remain drug- and crime-free throughout high school and college.



Help your Scholars
stay on track
with ScholarTrack!

STUDENTS MAY
ENROLL IN
21ST CENTURY
SCHOLARS IF THEY:

- Are Indiana residents
- Are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens
- Are enrolled in the 7th or 8th grade at an Indiana school recognized by the Indiana Department of Education, with the exception of students in foster care
- Meet income eligibility requirements
- Take the 21st Century Scholar pledge to achieve academic success and remain drug- and crime-free

For complete eligibility information, visit **Scholars.IN.gov/eligibility**.

Help eligible students enroll

Help your students who meet the Scholar eligibility requirements by showing them how to enroll in the program online. First, visit **Scholars.IN.gov/enroll** to review the information that you will need to have on hand to help the student enroll. Then, follow the steps to complete the application process.

Prepare your Scholars for what to expect in high school

The 21st Century Scholars program now includes requirements for students designed to better prepare them for college and expand their opportunities for success.

To help Scholars remain on track for accessing and succeeding in college, Indiana has created the **Scholar Success Program**. Scholars in the class of 2017 and younger must complete practical activities to help them plan and prepare for college and learn how to pay for expenses not covered by their scholarships.

At each grade level in high school, Scholars are required to complete three activities. See the Scholar Success Program chart on the adjacent panel.

Students can track their progress online, and so can you

Students who enroll in 21st Century Scholars have access to ScholarTrack, an online tool that will help guide them through the Scholar Success Program requirements. They can create their personalized accounts to begin preparing for high school.



Request a master ScholarTrack account for your school

If your school doesn't already have a master ScholarTrack account, designate a staff member (a principal, counselor or other school administrator) to request the account. Once you receive a master account, individual accounts for counselors and administrators can be created to track enrollment statuses of potential Scholars. You will be able to access many resources and tools to help Scholars enroll in the program and prepare for success in high school and college.

- 1 DESIGNATE A STAFF MEMBER TO REQUEST A MASTER SCHOLARTRACK ACCOUNT
- 2 VISIT **Scholars.IN.gov/scholartrack**
- 3 CLICK "NEW SCHOOL ACCOUNT" AND SUBMIT THE REQUESTED INFORMATION

Resources to help you help them

Scholars.IN.gov
The new 21st Century Scholars website is a comprehensive resource for both students and school administrators. You'll find tools and materials to help Scholars enroll in the program and understand the requirements.

COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND LOCAL SUPPORT
21st Century Scholars has eight regional outreach coordinators throughout the state who are available to help schools and Scholars. To find the coordinator in your area, visit **Scholars.IN.gov/staff**. You can also reach support staff through the Scholars helpline or email address listed below.

There may also be a community organization in your area that is a member of Learn More Indiana's College Success Coalition, a partnership of local organizations dedicated to increasing college access and success. Visit **LearnMoreIndiana.org/coalitions** to connect with partner organizations in your community.

Contact us

Scholars.IN.gov
Scholars Helpline: 1-888-528-4719
Email: Scholars@che.IN.gov

LearnMoreIndiana.org
Learn More Indiana Helpline: 1-800-992-2076

Facebook: Facebook.com/LearnMoreIN
Twitter: Twitter.com/LearnMoreIN

Indiana's 21st Century Scholars is led by the **Indiana Commission for Higher Education** with support from the Commission's **Learn More Indiana** initiative, a partnership of state and local organizations working to help all Hoosier students succeed in school, complete college and connect to careers.



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I KNOW I WANT TO GO TO COLLEGE SOMEDAY, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S EVEN POSSIBLE FOR MY FAMILY AND ME.

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO BECOME A 21ST CENTURY SCHOLAR. IT IS A PROGRAM THAT WILL HELP YOU PLAN, PREPARE AND EVEN PAY FOR COLLEGE.

THAT WOULD BE GREAT! HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT **Scholars.IN.gov**. THERE ARE A LOT OF USEFUL TOOLS AND INFORMATION TO HELP YOU LEARN MORE. AND, YOU CAN ENROLL ONLINE IF THE PROGRAM IS RIGHT FOR YOU.